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SUBJECT: SLEPAK TRIAL BEGINS
REF: (A) MOSCOW 14258, (B) STATE 156832(NOTAL)

SUMMARY: VLADIMIR SLEPAK'S TRIAL BEGAN AT TEN A.M.
JUNE 21. WHEN EMBOFF ASKED AT COURTHOUSE TO ATTEND
TRIAL HE WAS TOLD BY MILITIAMAN THAT THE COURTROOM
WAS FULL. SLEPAK SUPPORTERS AND RELATIVES WHO
ATTEMPTED TO ENTER COURTHOUSE FROM EARLY MORNING
ON WERE ALSO REFUSED ADMITTANCE. MRS. SLEPAK IS
STILL IN THE HOSPITAL, AND HER TRIAL HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN POSTPONED. END SUMMARY.

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1. VLADIMIR SLEPAK'S TRIAL BEGAN IN MOSCOW AT TEN
A.M. JUNE 21. EMBASSY (SECOND SECRETARY HUGHES)
OFFICER ARRIVED AT COURTHOUSE AT 10:20 A.M. AND ASKED
A UNIFORMED OFFICER GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO THE
COURTHOUSE IF HE COULD ATTEND THE SLEPAK TRIAL.
THE OFFICER SAID THE COURTROOM WAS FULL. ASKED IF

THE TRIAL WAS OPEN, THE OFFICER EMPHASIZED
REPEATEDLY THAT IT WAS.

2. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PEOPLE
STANDING OUTSIDE THE FRUNZE REGIONAL PEOPLE'S
COURT, ON BUTIRSKIY VAL, WHEN EMBOFF ARRIVED.
FOUR OR FIVE WESTERN NEWSMEN WERE ON HAND, AND
WERE INTERVIEWING FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF
SLEPAK.

3. A CLOSE FRIEND OF SLEPAK TOLD EMBOFF THAT
MARIYA SLEPAK, ALSO CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS
HOOLIGANISM, WOULD BE TRIED LATER BECAUSE SHE
PRESENTLY IS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH AN ULCER
FLARE-UP. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, FRIENDS
WHO HAVE VISITED MRS. SLEPAK IN THE HOSPITAL SAY
HER CONDITION IS SERIOUS (REF A).

4. ANOTHER REFUSENIK SOURCE AT COURTHOUSE SAID
NO SLEPAK RELATIVES WERE ADMITTED TO THE TRIAL
ALTHOUGH SEVERAL "CLOSE" RELATIONS TRIED TO GAIN
ENTRANCE . OTHER FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS ASKED TO
BE ADMITTED AS EARLY AS 8:30 A.M. THEY WERE AT
FIRST TOLD IT WAS TOO EARLY TO ENTER THE COURT-
HOUSE, AND THEN AT TEN A.M. THEY WERE INFORMED
THAT THE COURTROOM WAS ALREADY FULL.
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5. DETAILS OF PROCEEDINGS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO
OBTAIN, GIVEN FACT THAT NEITHER FAMILY MEMBERS
NOR SLEPAK'S FRIENDS ARE IN COURTROOM. WE
ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL BE FOUND GUILTY OF
VIOLATION ARTICLE 206 (HOOLIGANISM) OF THE RSFSR
CRIMINAL CODE.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO REFTTEL B
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